

Fourth and Fifth Grade Academic English – Greek Roots			
Root	Meaning	Example	
aero	air	aerobics	
auto (4 <sup>th</sup> )	self	autograph	
bio (4 <sup>th</sup> )	life	biology	
chron	time	chronological	
cycl	time	cycle	
gen	race	gender	
geo	earth	geography	
graph (5 <sup>th</sup> )	write	autograph	
homo	same	homophone	
hydr	water	hydroplane	
ism (5 <sup>th</sup> )	system, manner	capitalism	
ist (5 <sup>th</sup> )	one who, that which	dentist	
log	word	logo	
mech	machine	mechanic	
meter (4 <sup>th</sup> )	measuring	centimeter	
nym	name	antonym	
-ology (4 <sup>th</sup> )	study of	biology	
path	feeling	pathetic	
phobia (4 <sup>th</sup> )	fear	claustrophobia	
phone	sound	telephone	
photo (5 <sup>th</sup> )	light	photograph	
poli	city	metropolis	
phys	nature	physical	
psych	mind	psychiatrist	
soph	wise	sophisticated	
therm	heat	thermostat	
tele (4 <sup>th</sup> )	distance	telegraph	

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Root	Meaning	Example	Root	Meaning	Example
able/ible (4 <sup>th</sup> )	able	capable, edible	sect	cut	section
ance/ence (5 <sup>th</sup> )	quality/action	conference	sens	feel	sense
audi (4 <sup>th</sup> )	hear	audible	sign	mark	signature
agri	field	agriculture	spect (5 <sup>th</sup> )	see	spectacles
aqua	water	aquarium	temp	time	temporary
cap	head	capital	terr	land	territory
dent	tooth	dentist	tract	pull	tractor
dict (4 <sup>th</sup> )	speak	dictate	urb	city	urban
form	shape	formula	vac	empty	vacate
grat	please	grateful	vid/vis (4 <sup>th</sup> )	see	video/vision
ject (5 <sup>th</sup> )	throw	eject	volv	roll	evolve
liber	free	liberate			
loc	place	location			
lum	light	illuminate			
man	hand	manual			
mar	ocean	marina			
min	small	minimal			
miss	send	amiss			
mob	move	mobile			
mort	death	mortician			
multi	many	multitude			
nat	born	natural			
nov	new	novel			
opt	best	option			
ped	foot	pedal			
port (5 <sup>th</sup> )	carry	transport			
rupt (5 <sup>th</sup> )	break	rupture			
	know	science			

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